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LOCAL CIVILIAN DEFENSE FAMILIARIZATION

1. General

Total war, commonly said to be a new kind of war, is as old as mankind and used to be called "the law of tooth and talon". Total war opposes not only the armed forces of its enemies, but the civilian populations as well. It strikes at men and women, children and old people, seeking to create terror and havoc, panic and suffering among the noncombatant population in order to force surrender upon their government. That is why it is necessary to set up organizations and means to provide suitable air-raid warning systems and shelters; to minimize the effects of air-raid damage; to keep people calm; to aid civilian casualties and clear them to hospitals; to protect them against fear and disease and fire and panic, as much as against explosions of bombs, or against gases; and to care for and strengthen the health and morale of the people themselves. The Civil Air Patrol will be called upon to perform many missions to assist in carrying out these objectives, hence it is necessary that all members of the Patrol be thoroughly familiar with the organization and functions of their local civilian defense agencies.

2. Instruction Procedure

It is recommended that unit commanders arrange with their local Civilian Defense Councils to provide capable volunteer instructors to conduct courses of instruction that will thoroughly familiarize the members of the Patrol with the organization of all local civilian defense, police, fire department, and first-aid agencies, the services they perform, where they are located and how they may be reached in case of emergency. This course of instruction may be carried on concurrently with other Civil Air Patrol instruction.

3. Service Records and Reports

As in the case of all other Civil Air Patrol instruction courses, satisfactory completion of this course of instruction by members of the Patrol shall be entered on their respective Service Record Cards and reported to National Headquarters on the Monthly Service Reports forwarded through channels.

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